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1. The 1956-1960 production plan for East Germany is to be increased 70% over the 1951-1955 plan without increasing plants and/or workers.

2. This is to be accomplished by standardizing all products and by extreme specializa- tion of plants and industry so that there will be neither duplicated nor divided effort.

3. At the insistence of the Central Committee (ZK) of the SED, Helmut Wunderlich, Minister for General Machine Construction, was ordered to introduce automation. One of the first steps in this program is to introduce "Plant Measuring and Directing Techniques" (Betriebs Mess- und Regel Technik - BMRT - concerned with measuring and regulating the speed of work in factories).

4. All main administrations of all ministries have been order to indicate what they need to introduce automation. They are to show:

   a. Requirements for BMRT.
   b. The costs for introducing BMRT.
   c. The benefits that will accrue to the national economy.

   Figures for b. and c. will be mainly guesswork and highly unrealistic and worthless.

5. On the basis of government decrees it is conservatively estimated that 3000 standards engineers (Normeningenieure) will be needed to satisfy the requirements in that field alone. Such an engineer should have five years practical experience as a plant engineer and five years practical experience as an Arbeitsvorbereiter (determines work steps, needed tools, machines, processes, time; might be comparable to a "time study engineer"). There were, as of September 1955, only about ten engineers in East Germany qualified to work as Normeningenieure.

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